

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of
HEALTH FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT of DRIFFIELD
for the year 1942.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year, 1942.

1. General Statistics: Area (acres) 2420. Average number of persons per inhabited building 5.57. Total number of separate occupiers 1872. Rateable Value £28,117. Sum represented by a penny rate £113.

2. Extracts from vital statistics: The Registrar General estimates the resident population at 6,719.

Births. During the year there were 121 births registered (59 males and 62 females) compared with 120 (65 males and 55 females) last year. Legitimate 110 (53 males and 57 females). Illegitimate 11 (6 males and 5 females). The birth rate was 18.18 per 1000. Last year it was 18.18. For England and Wales the birth rate was 16.34 per 1000 total population. Still births in the District 5 (4 legitimate males, and 1 legitimate female).

Deaths. During the year there were 69 deaths (36 males and 33 females). The death rate was 10.27 per 1000. Last year the death rate was 12.27 per 1000. The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 4 (3 males and 1 female), the death rate of infants under 1 year per 1000 live births was 33.58. For England and Wales it was 49 per 1000.

The causes of death were:-

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Cerebro-spinal fever.	1.	1.	-
Tuberculosis of resp. system.	3.	2.	1.
Tuberculosis, other forms.	3.	-	3.
Cancer, all forms.	15.	7.	8.
Diabetes.	1.	1.	-
Inter-cranial vascular lesions.	8.	3.	5.
Heart disease.	19.	8.	11.
Other diseases of circ. system.	2.	2.	-
Bronchitis.	2.	2.	-
Pneumonia.	2.	2.	-
Other respiratory diseases.	1.	1.	-
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	1.	-	1.
Other digestive diseases.	1.	-	1.
Nephritis.	1.	1.	-
Premature birth.	1.	1.	-
Accident.	2.	1.	1.
Other deaths from violence.	1.	-	1.
Other causes.	6.	4.	2.
Deaths of infants under 1 year (Legitimate)	4.	3.	1.

3. Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during the year 1942.

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Diphtheria,	4.	4	-
Scarlet Fever,	8.	8	-
Whooping Cough,	51.	-	-
Measles,	4.	-	-
Pneumonia,	3.	Not known.	2
Other diseases generally notifiable:			
Erysipelas.	3.	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases & mortality during 1942.

Age period	<u>New cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Respiratory.</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>		<u>Respiratory.</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1 month & upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10 years.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 years.	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
25 years.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 years.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 years.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 & upwards	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
	<u>3.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3.</u>

The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is well maintained.

4. There are at present no arrangements for professional nurses, but a Committee has been formed with the object of securing the services of a full time nurse in the town whose services would be available to members of a proposed nursing association. The Driffield Nursing Home is private and supplies nurses to subscribers. This Home is closing down in the very near future. One C.M.B. Nurse is now working in the District.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

There is a home in Driffield with 12 beds for lying-in cases. There is also a Maternity Ward in the Driffield Public Assistance Institution.

Diphtheria - Immunisation.

As a result of the wide publicity given to this matter by the Ministry of Health and owing to the intensive efforts of the local school teachers and others, a large number of (approximately 920) of children of school age (over 60%) and under have received immunisation treatment.

Tuberculosis Clinics.

Clinic belonging to the County Council available twice a week in Beverley.

Mental Diseases Clinic.

Weekly at East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

Orthopaedic cases.

Clinic fortnightly at Maternity Home, Driffield.

Veneral Diseases treated in Hull Royal Infirmary and York County Hospital free of charge.

Bacteriological Examinations carried out at the Clinical Research Association, London, Scarborough North Riding Laboratory and the Hull Royal Infirmary.

Hospitals.

The Sanatorium at Raywell belonging to the County Council is open to the district and East Riding generally. There is an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases at Driffield open to the East Riding. In addition there is a hospital in the town (the Alfred Bean Hospital) with 21 beds maintained by voluntary subscriptions.

Small-pox.

The County Council has a Small-pox Hospital at Shipton for the whole district. There is a Motor Ambulance kept in Driffield for cases of infectious diseases.

Ambulances.

There is no ambulance service provided by the local authority; there is a good voluntary ambulance service connected with the St. John's Ambulance Association of which I am Medical Officer and I am of opinion, considering the small area of their district, that this is not inadequate. In addition a private ambulance in the town is always available, as also are 3 part-time A.R.P. ambulances when the latter are on duty

Evacuation.

There has been a steady drift back to the evacuation areas and the number of the people evacuated and now remaining in the town is about 110 persons only.

Schools.

The Sanitary conditions and water supply (which is from the mains of the Driffield Water Company) of the Public Elementary Schools is good.

5. Draining and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of sewerage. The arrangements for sewage disposal are maintained in an efficient manner and analysis of the effluent shows it to conform to the standard of the Royal Commission. The Filtration Area is maintained in a very satisfactory condition and sections of the irrigation trenches have been reconditioned during the year.

6. Water Supply.

There has been no important extension of the public water supply during the year except where required to meeting building operations. The water supply is good, the principal supply being from the Driffield Water Company's mains which is adequate in amount and satisfactory in quality. A recent analysis of the Company's water shows it to be a drinking water of excellent purity.

Samples of water sent for analysis every month. There are about 230 pumps in the district supplied from wells or bres and the conversion of existing pump supplies to the piped supply is slow owing to the purity of the pump supply. A chlorination plant has now been installed by the Company and constant chlorination of the supply is carried out.

7. Housing.

Since the outbreak of War routine housing inspection has, of necessity, been greatly curtailed but in the number of cases, where the attention of owners has been drawn to minor defects, these have been remedied without the service of formal notice.

8. Dwellinghouses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases.....	14.
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Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases.	-
Privies converted to W.C's.	5
Offensive trade inspections.	12.
Total number of nuisances found.	-

9. Water Supplies.

Houses newly supplied from water mains	5
New wells made	-
New bore-wells made	-
Wells closed - water unsafe.	1
Samples of water sent for examination.	2

10. Dairies and Cowsheds.

Number of Dairies and Cowsheds in the District on Register.	29
Number of cows.	186
Visits to cowsheds.	18.
Visits to Dairies.	12.
Defects found	-

11. Slaughter Houses.

Number on Register.	1
Number of visits to Slaughter House	38
Number of defects found.	-

12. Factories.

Inspections of Factories with mechanical power.	12.
Inspections of Factories without mechanical power.	8.
Inspections of other premises under the Act.	1.
Defects found.	-

13. <u>Canal Boats inspected.</u>	6.
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I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(John W. Thomas)

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Medical Officer of Health.

23rd August, 1943.